

Rev. Porter H. Snow

Baltimore, July 16/46.



hodies. Our little church have subscribed  
for stock to the amount of about \$3000. We  
shall hope to raise as much more in the  
city. Can you not help us to one or two  
thousand dollars? Do you not know of  
5 or 10 men who will give us one or two  
hundred dollars each. They can take  
pews for it, if they prefer, & thus only  
loan it to us, & we are to pay 6 percent  
on the pews. It is to be called for from  
November next, one eighth of the subscrip-  
tion per month, till paid, as we mean  
to finish the edifice by June 1877.

Please write me, on the subject.

Yours, from the land of  
bondage & martyrdom,

Porter H. Snow.

P.S. Please say nothing of our design to  
have no fellowship with slavery & any  
persons who will injure us by reporting  
the idea here -

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the cause of religion than they ask to be done  
now for them.

You know my views, Brother Phelps, &  
how ardently I desire to do all in my power  
to save the church from corruption, & souls  
from perishing. I know that while churches  
here allow their members to buy & sell rum,  
& the bodies & souls of men, while they  
allow the sins of theatre-going, sabbath-  
visiting, rum-selling, & slaveholding to go  
unrebuked, it will be of little avail, at  
this day, to preach the gospel, mutilated  
& perverted. I wish to stand here as  
a messenger of God to do my whole duty,  
whatever it may be; & I will thank God  
& take courage, for all that may be done  
for us at the north.

The proposal to build a church, worth  
\$8000. on a fine eligible lot of ground  
that can be had for \$2000. in fee simple:  
<sup>the ground</sup> thus low, because it is left for a church  
& cemetery, by a few men who wished to  
have a quiet resting place for their own





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I write you at this time to inform you what we are doing. Here with reference to building a church, & to ask you, & through you to ask others, for aid.

You are aware in what a condition our little church stands. It is made<sup>up</sup> of a precious collection of warmhearted, praying, slavery-hating, active christians: mostly from New England, or of New England origin. We deem it best for us to remain connected with the New School Presbyterian Church, though most of our members are congregationalists; for we can be aided by them to the amount of 3 or 4 thousand dollars probably.

We need a church edifice at once. A congregation will fill it before it has been finished 3 months. There are many here who do not wish to hear the pro-slavery preachers of the city, & who will do something towards building a church, but cannot do all. They will hereafter be able to do nearly more for